

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion and in view of the present amendment, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 16 are amended. Claims 1-11 and 16-18 are pending in the application.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the Office Action, at page 2, claims 1-11 and 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph as being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Per the Examiner's comments during the phone conversation of January 17, 2006, claims 17 and 18 were not considered to be included in the § 112 rejection, and therefore no response to the § 112 rejection is provided.

In light of the Examiner's remarks, claims 1 and 16 are amended. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1 and 16 have been amended. Claims 1-11 and 16-18 are pending and under consideration.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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